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Chairman Al Pscholka
Michigan State Representative
Michigan Capitol
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairman Pscholka:

I am writing to express the support of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for the passage HB5163 that could provide needed funds to clean up the DeHoco Prison property on Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township. As Representative Heise has made you aware, the property sits in the middle of a joint development project for a high tech industrial corridor with almost 800 acres that we are working on with Northville Township, Wayne County and many other stakeholders called the Michigan Industrial Technology Center.

Our area already has a high concentration of foreign based research and development facilities with this location being a logical extension of that industry cluster. Unfortunately, the blighted buildings of the former prison create a deterrent to attract companies from building there. The funds from this bill that could be used for demolition of the front buildings to enhance our opportunity to attract new significant high tech employers to our state or for existing companies to expand their operations.

Sincerely,

G. Wesley Graff

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President